

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ANWAR MOHAMED JEYLANI,

CASE NO. C25-0343JLR

Petitioner,

## ORDER

V.

PAMELA BONDI, et al.,

## Respondents.

Before the court is United States Magistrate Judge Brian A. Tsuchida's report and recommendation, in which he recommends that the court deny Petitioner Anwar Jeylani's 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition for a writ of habeas corpus and dismiss this case with prejudice. (RR (Dkt. # 17); *see also* Petition (Dkt. # 1).) On June 23, 2025, Jeylani timely objected to the report and recommendation. (Objections (Dkt. # 18); *also* RR at 2 (setting June 23, 2025 objection deadline).) Having reviewed Mr. Jeylani's objections, the report and recommendation, the relevant portions of the record,

1 and the governing law, the court OVERRULES Mr. Jeylani's objections and ADOPTS in  
 2 in its entirety the report and recommendation.<sup>1</sup>

3 Mr. Jeylani is a citizen of Somalia. (See Petition at 3.) He has been in  
 4 immigration detention since March 12, 2024, and he became subject to a final order of  
 5 removal on August 20, 2024.<sup>2</sup> (*Id.* at 3.) On February 22, 2025, Mr. Jeylani filed a  
 6 petition for a writ of habeas corpus, arguing that United States Immigration and Customs  
 7 Enforcement ("ICE") has been unable to effect his removal because Somalia will not  
 8 accept his return, and arguing that there is no reason to believe that he will be deported in  
 9 the reasonably foreseeable future. (*Id.* at 3-4); *see also Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678,  
 10 689 (2001) ("[A]n alien may be held in confinement until it has been determined that  
 11 there is no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future.").  
 12 Mr. Jeylani states he has "done everything that ICE has asked [him] to do to try to get  
 13 travel documents and will continue to cooperate fully in the process of getting travel  
 14 documents." (*Id.*)

15 On March 28, 2025, Respondents filed a return memorandum and moved to  
 16 dismiss Mr. Jeylani's petition, arguing that the United States is working to obtain travel  
 17 documents to remove Mr. Jeylani to Somalia, and that Mr. Jeylani fails to show that there  
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 20 <sup>1</sup> To ensure the just and speedy resolution of this matter, the court exercises its discretion  
 21 to consider Mr. Jeylani's objections before their noting date. *See Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.*  
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<sup>2</sup> In 2019, Mr. Jeylani pled guilty to multiple criminal offenses and was sentenced to a  
 23 total term of imprisonment of 90 months. (See Andron Decl. (Dkt. # 8) ¶¶ 6-7.) Based upon  
 24 these offenses, he was charged as deportable pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1227(a)(2)(A)(iii). (*Id.* ¶ 9.)

1 is no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future. (MTD (Dkt.  
 2 # 7) at 5-7.)

3       On April 29, 2025, the court ordered the parties to submit supplemental briefing  
 4 and additional evidence concerning whether and when Somalia will grant Mr. Jeylani  
 5 permission to travel. (4/29/25 Order (Dkt. # 13) at 5-7.) The court advised Respondents  
 6 that the court “will be hard pressed to deny the habeas petition” if the status of  
 7 Mr. Jeylani’s travel application and an approximate date for approval of the application  
 8 remain unknown. (*Id.* at 7.) The parties timely submitted supplemental briefing. (*See*  
 9 Pet. Br. (Dkt. # 14); Resp. Br. (Dkt. # 15).) In relevant part, on June 4, 2025,  
 10 Respondents informed the court that Somalia issued a travel document that will allow  
 11 ICE to remove Mr. Jeylani to Somalia. (Resp. Br. at 1.) This travel document was issued  
 12 on May 27, 2025 and remains valid through August 27, 2025. (*Id.*; *see also* Lambert  
 13 Decl. (Dkt. # 16) ¶ 2, Ex. J (providing a copy of the travel document).)

14       On June 9, 2025, Magistrate Judge Tsuchida recommended that the court deny  
 15 Mr. Jeylani’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus and dismiss this case with prejudice  
 16 because Respondents are able to remove Mr. Jeylani to Somalia, and Mr. Jeylani  
 17 therefore failed to show that there is no significant likelihood that he will be removed in  
 18 the reasonably foreseeable future. (RR at 2.)

19       On June 23, 2025, Mr. Jeylani timely objected, arguing that, despite the travel  
 20 document, he remains in custody and his “continued detention provides no good reason to  
 21 believe that [he] is substantially likely to be removed to Somalia in the reasonably  
 22 foreseeable future.” (Objections at 1-2 (cleaned up).) The court disagrees with

1 Mr. Jeylani. The travel document provided by respondents remains valid through August  
2 27, 2025—over two months from today—and Respondents inform the court that they are  
3 already in the process of scheduling Mr. Jeylani’s travel. (See Lambert Decl. ¶ 2, Ex. J;  
4 Resp. Br. at 1.) Accordingly, the record shows that Mr. Jeylani’s removal is imminent,  
5 and the court therefore denies Mr. Jeylani’s petition and dismisses this case. If, however,  
6 Mr. Jeylani remains in the United States after the expiration of his travel document on  
7 August 27, 2025, he may move to reopen this case.

8 Accordingly, the court OVERRULES Mr. Jeylani’s objections (Dkt. # 18) and  
9 ADOPTS in its entirety Magistrate Judge Tsuchida’s report and recommendation (Dkt.  
10 # 17). Further, the court DENIES Mr. Jeylani’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus and  
11 DISMISSES this action with prejudice.

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13 Dated this 24th day of June, 2025.

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15 JAMES L. ROBART  
16 United States District Judge  
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